



California Fair Political Practices Commission

April 4, 1988

Nancy E. Gregg
904 Highway 96
Yreka, CA 96097

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-88-117

Dear Ms. Gregg:

You have asked for advice concerning the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act.^{1/}

QUESTION

May a candidate conduct a contest to encourage people to vote and to advertise his or her candidacy?

CONCLUSION

There is nothing in the Political Reform Act which would prohibit a candidate from conducting a contest. Any money received or spent by the candidate in connection with the contest must be disclosed on the candidate's campaign statements. In addition, you should contact the district attorney for your county or the state Attorney General to determine if there are other laws governing contests.

FACTS

You are a candidate for supervisor in Siskiyou County. To advertise your candidacy and encourage voter participation, you would like to conduct a contest through a local radio station in which registered voters will be eligible to win a savings bond.

^{1/}Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18000 et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

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ANALYSIS

The Act contains no provisions regulating the methods used by a candidate to raise funds or to advertise his or her candidacy. However, the Act requires all candidates to file periodic reports disclosing contributions received and expenditures made in connection with elections. (Sections 84200 et seq.) Therefore, any money received or spent in connection with conducting a contest to raise funds or for advertising purposes must be reported on the candidate's campaign disclosure reports.

In addition, there may be other laws which regulate or prohibit contests. You should contact the district attorney or the state Attorney General to determine if any other laws apply to your proposed activities.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 322-5662.

Sincerely, .

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General Counsel

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Fair Political Practices Commission
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Dear Ms. Griffiths:

This morning I called your office and would like confirmation regarding the following question:

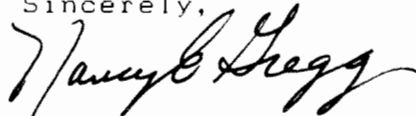
In running my campaign is there anything in your regulations that would find it improper to use the following approach to campaigning: A Contest. For the first registered voter in my district to send a card with the number of individual campaign adds presented on the local radio station. First post card drawn after election day submitted will receive a Savings Bond (amount yet undetermined).

These adds will be promoting economic grow ideas held by me the candidate, candidate qualifications, encouraging people participation in government, ie voting.

It is my understanding I will have to check with other agencies as this may come under several government jurisdictions however, I would like your letter pertaining to your expertise.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Nancy E. Gregg,
Candidate, Supervisor District 4,
Siskiyou County